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MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

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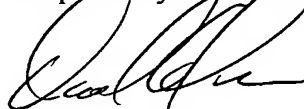
Sir:

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 3 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-9 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-5 and 8.
- ☒ 7. Reference 1 corresponds to reference 3. Reference 2 corresponds to reference 4.

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